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1. For some time plans have been under consideration to expand the T'aiyuan arsenal. Soviet advisers have recommended that production of armaments for the North China area be concentrated in Shansi, especially at T'aiyuan and Yutzu (112-44, 37-39).
2. Beginning in November 1949, reconditioning of war-damaged equipment was begun. At present the T'aiyuan arsenal is producing heavy artillery, mortars, light and heavy machine guns, rifles, hand grenades, and explosives. Increased production both in quantity and types of weapons will begin in August 1950.
3. The Military Engineering Department of the Revolutionary Military Council has appointed General LIU Chen-tung (劉震東) to take charge of the expansion program.

25X1A* [REDACTED] Comment. Possibly LIU Chen-tung (劉振東), listed in [REDACTED] as a councillor on the Nationalist Economic Council as of November 1947.

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